GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Prohibition & Excise Department – Detention under section 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act,1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) against Cannabis trafficker - Anakapalli District – Detention of Sri Petcheti Raju, S/o Late Chinnodu @ Mahalakshminaidu, 40 yrs., Kapu, Cultivation/Auto Driver, Jampena (v), V.Madugula Mandal, Anakapalli District, Andhra Pradesh U/Sec 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act,1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) - Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (EXCISE.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 1405 Dated: 17-11-2025
Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms. No.131, General Administration (SC-1) Department, Dated:08.10.2018.
2. From the Superintendent of Police, Anakapalli District, C.No.42/C2NDPS/ AKP/2025, Dt.07.07.2025.

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ORDER:

In the reference 2nd read above, the Superintendent of Police, Anakapalli District has reported that adverting to the above subject, Inspector of Police, K Kotapadu circle has placed before the Superintendent of Police, Anakapalli District and same forwarded to Government about the information regarding a spate of Illegal possession and sale of Ganja by Sri Petcheti Raju, S/o Late Chinnodu @ Mahalakshminaidu, 40 yrs., Kapu, Cultivation/Auto Driver, Jampena (v), V.Madugula Mandal, Anakapalli District, Andhra Pradesh (herein after referred as detenue) for issuing of detention orders u/s 3(1) of the Prevention of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances act,1988 (PIT NDPSAct,1988).

2. He is a habitual offender of illicit ganja/cannabis trafficking, and generally operates along with his accomplices. Currently, he is actively involved in the clandestine business of smuggling cannabis (Ganja) from tribal areas of Alluri Seetharama Raju District erstwhile Vishakhapatnam District. Despite facing several cases booked against him, he continues to commit offences under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act 1985. He engages in the purchase, storage, sale and illicit trafficking of cannabis (Ganja) in territorial jurisdiction of Anakapalli district and its neighboring districts. Therefore, the activities of the detenue pose a serious threat to the health and welfare of the people.

3. Sri Petcheti Raju, S/o Late Chinnodu @ Mahalakshminaidu, 40 yrs., Kapu, Cultivation/Auto Driver, Jampena (v), V.Madugula Mandal, Anakapalli District, Andhra Pradesh does not hold any license or permit to deal with any Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances under the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act 1985. There is a statutory ban on the production, purchase, storage, transport and sale of cannabis. Despite the ban on illicit drug traffic, Sri Petcheti Raju, S/o Late Chinnodu @ Mahalakshminaidu, along with his associates, engages in clandestine procurement, possession, transport, and sale of cannabis. The use and consumption of cannabis pose a severe threat to public health, leading to widespread danger to public lives and resulting in severe psychotic disorders. Therefore, he is involved in “illicit traffic” under Sec. 2(e)(iii) of the Prevention of illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 and his actions are prejudicial to Public Health.

4. Three (03) cases were registered against Sri Petcheti Raju, S/o Late Chinnodu @ Mahalakshminaidu, 40 yrs., Kapu, Cultivation/Auto Driver, Jampena (v), V.Madugula Mandal, Anakapalli District, Andhra Pradesh at different police stations in Anakapalli District. These cases are likely to be considered while issuing

orders under section 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act,1988 (PITNDPS act 1988), to detain the said individual (detenue) and deter him from committing further criminal activities. The below cases under NDPS Act were registered against Sri Petcheti Raju, S/o Late Chinnodu @ Mahalakshminaidu till date are as follows:

S. No. (1)	Cr. No. Sec of law & Name of the Police Station (2)	Ganja Seized (in Kg's) (3)	Stage of the Case (4)
1.	Cr.No.79/2016 u/s 20(b) (ii) r/w 8(c) of N.D.P.S. Act- 1985 of V.Madugula P.S	120kgs	Pending Trail vide NSC No.476/2017
2.	Cr.No.259/2019, U/s.20(b)(ii) (C) R/w 8(C) of NDPS Act-1985 V Madugula PS	194 Kgs	Pending Trial vide NSC No.05/2020
3.	Cr.No:151/2024 u/s 20(b)(ii) (c), 25 r/w 8 (c) of N.D.P.S. Act, 1985 of Ravikamtam P.S.	98 Kgs	Under Investigation

5. GROUNDS FOR DETENTION:-

1. Cr.No.79/2016 u/s 20(b) (ii) r/w 8(c) of N.D.P.S. Act- 1985 of V.Madugula P.S:

This is a case of illegal possession and transportation of ganja which is a narcotic drug that occurred on 25.10.2016 at 09.15 hrs, while the S.I. of Police, V.Madugula P.S. was present in the Police Station, he received credible information about the illegal transportation of Ganja. Immediately S.I. of Police, collected the mediators and staff rushed to Jampena (v) junction and reached Siva temple, Jampina (v) and found two persons were coming from Jampina side by motor cycle bearing No. AP31BU4667 and on seeing Police party, the rider of motor cycle stopped the motor cycle and tried to escape from the spot. S.I. of Police, V.Madugula P.S. caught A.2 Bera Eswara Rao and A.3 Jalli Mahesh. On interrogation they disclosed that they are piloting Ganja loaded auto. S.I. of Police moved ahead and reached Jampina junction and found one Auto bearing No. AP31TW7183 was coming from Satyavaram (v) side. On seeing the Police Party, the driver of auto A.4 Budiredla Kondala Rao stopped the Auto and tried to escape from the Auto along with 3 persons. S.I. of Police, V.Madugula P.S. caught A.5 Petcheti Raju, A.6 Pangi Lakshmana Rao and A.7 Senapathi Siva while A.4 Budiredla Kondala Rao driver of Auto escaped from the spot. S.I. of Police found 03 gunny bags smelling Ganja in the auto. On further interrogation, the accused A.2 Bera Eswararao disclosed that he along with A.1 Jalli Paranjyothi, N/o. Sadika (v), Chinthapalli Mandal and A3 Jalli Mahesh are doing Ganja business. They bought Ganja from farmers of agency area and selling the same to others. On 24.10.2016 evening at about 16.00 hrs, the accused A4 to A7 went to A1 Jalli Paranjyothi, G.Madugula and purchased 120 kgs of Ganja from A1 each kg Rs.2000/- packed in 03 gunny bags and on 24.10.2016 early hours A4 to A7 started from G.Madugula by auto bearing No. AP31TW7183, while A.2 and A3 were piloting the Ganja loaded Auto by motor cycle bearing No. AP31BU4667 and when they reached near Siva temple caught by Police and the accused A5 to A7 were caught by police at Jampina junction, V.Madugula mandal, A4 was absconding from the spot. S.I. of Police, V.Madugula P.S. arrested A.2, A3, A5 to A.7 and seized 120 kgs. of Ganja found in three Gunny bags, Auto AP31TW7183 and Motor Cycle AP31BU4667 under cover of mediators report duly attested by the mediators. While accused A1 and A4 were absconded from the spot.

Basing on mediators report, the investigation officer registered the above case and produced the arrested accused before Hon'ble Magistrate and sent them for judicial remand. The accused A4 was arrested on 07.11.2016 and was sent to judicial remand. Subsequently the samples were sent to REL Vishakhapatnam for chemical examination and received REL reports vide CE.No:1976/2016. The Government Chemical Examiner of Prohibition and Excise, Visakhapatnam conducted Fast Blue B salt Test and the test gave positive result and finally he opined that the CE.No:1976/2016 are Ganja. After due investigation the investigation officer filed charge sheet before Hon'ble MJS Court, Visakhapatnam showing A.1 is absconding and the case is Pending Trail vide NSC No.476/2017.

2. Cr.No.259/2019 U/s 20(b)(ii) (C) R/w 8(C) of NDPS Act-1985 of V Madugula PS:

This is a case of possession of ganja which is a narcotic drug that occurred on 29.08.2019 at 06.30 hrs at Pump shed near bridge, Jampena Village, V Madugula Mandal and reported on the same day at about 09.00 hrs by the complainant S. Ramarao who is working as Asst-Sub Inspector of police-1196, V Madugula PS, Anakapalli District. On credible information, he informed to his superior officers, he along with his staff, and mediators rushed to spot pump shed near Bridge, Jampena Village. When they reached that place, they heard some noise and lighting at that place. On suspicion, they went there are found some persons, auto, motorycles and guny bags. Those persons tried to escape from there on seeing the Police. ASI and staff caught A2) Rakoti Chinnodu @ Dorababu S/o Ramarao, 28 years, OC-Kapu by caste, cultivation, Jampena (v), V.Madugula Mandal, Visakha Dist, A3) Petcheti Raju, s/o Mahalakshminaidu, 34 years, Kapu, auto driver, Jampena village, V.Madugula mandal, A4) Gummala Satyarao S/o Chinnabbai, 29 years, OC-Kapu by Cultivation, M.Kotapadu Village of V.Madugula ,Mandal, A6) Kalinga Gangadhar S/o Mahalaxmi Naidu, aged about 18 yrs, caste by OC-Kapu, Degree 3 rd year student, M.K.Vallapuram village of V.Madugula Mandal, A7) Polaparthu Sathish S/o Arjuna, 23 yrs, caste by OC-Kapu, Cultivation, M.K.Vallapuram village of V.Madugula Mandal, A8) Ganta Ganesh S/o Pothuraju, aged about 30 yrs, caste by OC-Kapu, Mason, M.Kotapadu Village of V.Madugula Mandal and A9) Kotni Vijay Kumar S/o Venkata Rao, 25 yrs, caste by OC-Kapu, coolie, M.K.Vallapuram Village of V.Madugula Mandal, while A1) Budhiredla Kondala Rao @ Nagu,Bokka S/o Saidhu Naidu , 23 yrs, OC- Kapu by caste, Auto driver, M.Kotapadu(v), V.Madugula Mandal, A3) Petcheti Raju, S/o Late Chinnodu @ Mahalakshminaidu, 40 yrs., Kapu, Cultivation/Auto Driver, Jampena (v), V.Madugula Mandal, Anakapalli District and A5) Senapathi Srinu S/o Apparao @ Chatni,19 yrs, OC-Kapu by caste, Auto driver, M.Kotapadu Village of V.Madugula Mandal absconded from the spot. Then the ASI of police searched and seized the 1) Ganja-194 Kgs in 6 gunny bags, 2) AP31TF0500 Auto, 3) TVS Apachi motorcycle with Chassis number MD34KE41F2K14039 and Engine number M7011089, 4) AP31EH4751 Pulsar motorcycle, 5) AP320936 Passion Plus motorcycle and 6) 8 cell phones from the possession A2 to A4, A6 to A9 under cover of mediator report. Hence, the FIR. Subsequently the samples were sent to the Govt. Chemical Examiner, REL, Visakhapatnam through letter of advice and the Chemical Examiner examined the same and issued opinion vide C.E.No.2403/2019 and the samples at Sl.Nos 17387 to 17392 are GANJA.

Accused A3, Sri Petcheti Raju, S/o Late Chinnodu @ Mahalakshminaidu, 40 yrs., Kapu, Cultivation/Auto Driver, Jampena (v), V.Madugula Mandal, Anakapalli District, Andhra Pradesh was arrested on 21.12.2019. A1 Sri Budhiredla Kondala Rao @ Nagu @ Bokka, S/o Saidhu Naidu, 23yrs, Kapu (OC), Auto driver, M Kotapadu Village, V Madugula Mandal, Anakapalli District, Andhra Pradesh was arrested on 06.03.2020.

The Hon'ble MSJ Court at Visakhapatnam granted anticipatory bail to accused A5 Senapathi Srinu, S/o Apparao @ Chatni,19 yrs, OC-Kapu by caste, Auto driver, M.Kotapadu Village of V. Madugula Mandal on 22.10.2021 vide CRL.MP. No.1617/2021 and Case is in Pending Trail vide NSC.No.05/2020 Dt.07.01.2020 in the Hon'ble Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Visakhapatnam.

3. Cr.No:151/2024 u/s 20(b)(ii) (c), 25 r/w 8 (c) of N.D.P.S. Act, 1985 of Ravikamtam P.S.

This is a case of illegal possession and transportation of ganja which is a narcotic drug which occurred on 01.08.2024 at 15:00 hrs, the SI of Police, Ravikamtam PS received credible information about illegal transportation of contraband Ganja. Immediately the SI made an entry in the station General Dairy and informed to Superior officers and on the instructions of his Superior Officers, SI along with staff, Deputy Tahsildar, Ravikamatam and two mediators left from PS and reached outskirts of Kavvagunta Village on 01.08.2024 at 1600hrs, found accused A2 Puramesetti Satyanarayana, S/o Venkateswara Rao of Ganguru Village, Penumuluru Mandal, Krishna District drove his vehicle EECO star passenger van AP39LG9295 in a rash and negligent manner and on seeing vechile checking Police party, he stopped his vehicle and tried to escape. SI and his staff chased him and nabbed him. Deputy Thasildar, Ravikamtam questioned him and recorded his confessional statement and seized 98kgs ganja packed in 48 packets worth Rs 4,90,000/-, 02 cell phones, cash of Rs 500/- and EECO star passenger van AP39LG9295 from his possession and handed over the mediator, seized contraband and other property to SI of Police, Ravikamtam PS. Basing on the mediators report, the Investigation officer (SI of Police, Ravikamtam PS) registered above case and basing on the confession of accused A2 added A1-Mallisetti Ravi Kumar @ Ravi, Vijayawada, A3-Seera Samudrudu, Marupaka Village, Ravikamtam Mandal and A4-Petcheti Raju, S/o Late Chinnodu @ Maha Lakshmi Naidu, Jampini Village, V Madugula Mandal as absconding accused in this case.

During the course of investigation, the investigation officer arrested the accused A4 Petcheti Raju, S/o Late Chinnodu @ Maha Lakshmi Naidu, Jampini Village, V. Madugula Mandal on 24.01.2025 and produced him before the Hon'ble Court. The Hon'ble Court sent him for judicial custody. The samples of Ganja were sent to REL Visakhapatnam for chemical examination vide C.E.No.1362/2024. The accused A3 Seera Samudrudu, S/o Maha Raju was surrendered before Hon'ble MSJ court at Visakhapatnam on 02.05.2025 and the Hon'ble court granted judicial remand to him. This case is Under Investigation for arrest of accused A1.

6. The Ganja is being possessed and sold by him is causing widespread danger to the public health. Thus, he is involved in "illicit traffic" as classified under section 2 (e) (iii) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic In Narcotic Drugs And Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) and acting prejudicial manner to the maintenance of public health.

7. In order to effectively control the illegal activities of Ganja trading by the accused Sri Petcheti Raju, S/o Late Chinnodu @ Mahalakshminaidu, 40 yrs., Kapu, Cultivation/Auto Driver, Jampena (v), V.Madugula Mandal, Anakapalli District, Andhra Pradesh and to prevent him from committing such offenses in the future, there is no other option but to invoke the provisions of law and detain him under Section 3(1) of The Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PITNDPS Act 1988).

8. The prosecution process takes a long time to have an impact on the illicit drug Traffic activities of the detenue under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic

Substance Act, 1985. His activities could lead to cannabis tragedies costing many lives of poor people in the Anakapalli District and its surrounding vicinities, affecting public health, financial and social status, and ultimately public order.

9. In view of the above facts enumerated supra, Government after careful examination and in exercise of the powers conferred upon the Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue (Excise) Department under section 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic In Narcotic Drugs And Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) vide G.O.Ms.No.131, General Administration (SC-1) Department, Dated: 08.10.2018 do hereby direct under Sub-Section (1) of Section 3 of the said Act that Sri Petcheti Raju, S/o Late Chinnodu @ Mahalakshminaidu, 40 yrs., Kapu, Cultivation/Auto Driver, Jampena (v), V.Madugula Mandal, Anakapalli District, Andhra Pradesh shall be detained in Central Prison, Visakhapatnam/ Rajamahendravaram, Andhra Pradesh State until further orders to be received from the Government in order to prevent the detenue from indulging in such dangerous, clandestine and illegal activities prejudicial to the maintenance of public health and as per the provisions laid down under the Prevention of Illicit Traffic In Narcotic Drugs And Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988).

10. The grounds of detention in English and Telugu languages and the material in support thereof are being sent herewith to Sri Petcheti Raju, S/o Late Chinnodu @ Mahalakshminaidu, 40 yrs., Kapu, Cultivation/Auto Driver, Jampena (v), V.Madugula Mandal, Anakapalli District, Andhra Pradesh. The individual has a right to make a presentation before the Detaining Authority as per article 22 (5) of the Constitution of India, to the Advisory Board against his detention U/Sec 9 of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic In Narcotic Drugs And Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) and he has also a right to be heard personally by the Advisory Board, if he so desires.

11. The Superintendent of Jails, Central Prison, Visakhapatnam/ Rajamahendravaram is directed to take over the detenue into his custody and lodge him in the Central Prison, Visakhapatnam/Rajamahendravaram until further orders from the Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHARA PRADESH)

MUKESH KUMAR MEENA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Superintendent of Jails, Central Prison, Visakhapatnam/Rajamahendravaram.
Copy to:
Sri Petcheti Raju, S/o Late Chinnodu @ Mahalakshminaidu, 40 yrs., Kapu, Cultivation/Auto Driver, Jampena (v), V.Madugula Mandal, Anakapalli District, Andhra Pradesh (Inspector of Police K Kotapadu Circle, Anakapalli District).
The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, Lok Nayak Bhavan, Khan Market, New Delhi-110003.
The Superintendent of Police, Anakapalli District.
The OSD to the Chief Secretary, A.P. Secretariat, for favour of kind information.
The Inspector of Police, K Kotapadu Circle, Anakapalli District(To serve the orders on and send the served copy to this office).
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The PS to Principal Secretary to Govt., Revenue (Excise) Dept., AP. Secretariat.
The PS to Secretary to Govt., Law Department.
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